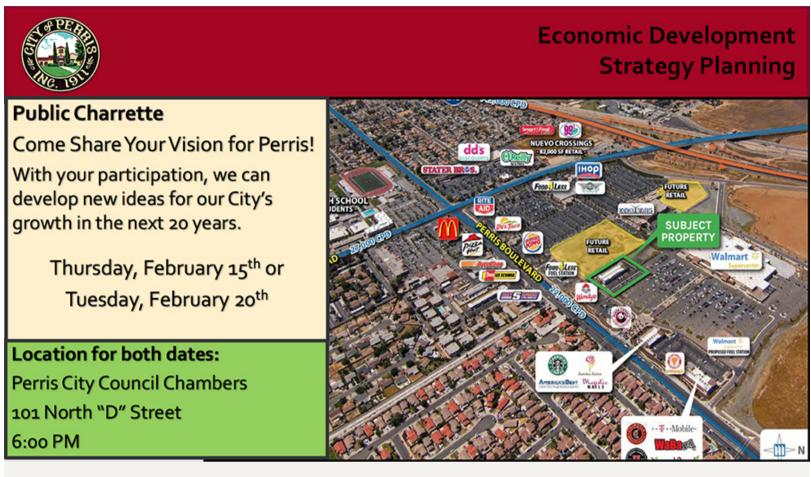


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The City of Perris Will Hold Two Economic Development Strategy Plan Meetings



The City of Perris will host two public meetings to seek input about the community's long-range economic strategy.

The Community Economic Development Strategy Plan meetings will take place Feb. 15 and Feb. 20 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Perris City Council Chambers on the City Campus, 101 North D Street.

Dr. Grace Williams, the City's Planning and Economic Development Director, said the public meetings allow Perris residents, employers, non-profits and Chambers of Commerce representatives to "come out and share their vision or ideas for how they would like to see the City grow in the next 20 years."

"Public input is critical to developing a strategic economic development plan," Williams said. "The best City plans are developed BY the community FOR the community and future generations."

The City is seeking input and ideas for potential developments from one end of Perris to the other, including Downtown Perris, North Perris, Ramona Expressway and South Perris around the Perris Airport area.

Williams said City staff will use input received during the meetings to compile key project ideas and map out opportunities for economic growth in the next 20 years.

A Community Economic Development Strategy Plan is a federal requirement needed to pursue grant funding for planning purposes and construction projects.

Williams said one project that the City is pursing is a Skills Training Center in Downtown Perris. The City will apply for a federal grant from the Economic Development Agency to help pay for it.



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